Village Board Meeting July 11, 2022

Members present: Mayor Wohl, Trustees O'Donnell, Rouis, Scotto

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, and Police Chief Watt

Mayor Wohl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wohl moved Police Awards / Promotion as the first order of business on the agenda. On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Agenda was accepted as modified.

Gurda absent
O'Donnell aye
Rouis aye
Scotto aye

Police Awards / Promotion

Chief Watt presented the following promotion and awards to members of the Village of Goshen Police Department. Chief Watt read a descriptive biography for each officer, and expressed his sincere gratitude. Certificates, signed by Chief Watt and Mayor Wohl, were given to the award recipients, along with Chief Watt presenting each recipient with their respective badge and pins.

 Promotion of David Yates to Sergeant of Village of Goshen Police Department

RESOLUTION 61 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE DAVID M. YATES TO SERGEANT

WHEREAS, there is a vacant Sergeant position within the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, David M. Yates is immediately hirable from the current Orange County Sergeant's promotional list; and

WHEREAS, David M. Yates has been recommended for promotion to Sergeant by Police Chief Watt; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that David M. Yates be promoted to the position of Sergeant, effective July 11, 2022, at an annual salary of \$110,739, with a probationary period of 26 weeks.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was $\underline{3}$ ayes to $\underline{0}$ nays with $\underline{0}$ abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 11, 2022.

- 2. Sergeant Ryan W. Rich 20 Years of Law Enforcement Service
- 3. Patrolman Cody R. Hunt 2021 Life Saving Award
- 4. Sergeant Gregory A. Kelemen and Patrolman Cody R. Hunt 2021 Exceptional Police Duty Award
- 5. Patrolman Anthony A. Pirillo 2021 Delivery of a Baby Award
- 6. Patrolman Jeremy M. Harter 2021 Life Saving Award

Family and members of the Village Police Department then gathered outside of Village Hall to take photographs and congratulate the officers.

Communications

1. Letter from R. Kozlowski, PBA President

Mayor Wohl read a letter from PBA President Kozlowski in regards to starting PBA contract negotiations for the new contract, which will expire 5/31/23. Mayor Wohl advised that a preliminary meeting will be scheduled with Chief Watt and Trustee O'Donnell to discuss the contract.

2. Letter from B. Mayefsky

Mayor Wohl read a letter from Bonnie Mayefsky recommending Bryan Morgiewicz for consideration in filling the foreman's position.

3. Letter from Time Capsule Committee

Mayor Wohl read a letter from the Time Capsule Committee of the Friends of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society in reference to a time capsule that will be opened 47 years from now. The letter was a request for items to be considered for inclusion in the time capsule. Questions regarding the time capsule can be sent to goshentimecapsule@gmail.com.

4. Invitation to speak at rally for Falun Gong

Mayor Wohl read a letter inviting the Board and community to attend the rally for Falun Gong on July 17, 2022 from 10:00am – 11:30am on the Village Green. The letter was also inviting the Board to speak at the event.

<u>5. Public Hearing Notice – Orange County Industrial Development Agency and Royal Wine Corporation/Goshen Developer JV, LLC Project</u>

Mayor Wohl read the Notice of Public Hearing in reference to the above referenced project which will take place at Village Hall on July 19, 2022 at 11:00am. Mayor Wohl advised that a copy of the application for financial assistance can be requested at Village Hall.

Items of Business

1. Village Court Audit

RESOLUTION 62 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROPOSAL FROM NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

WHEREAS, an audit of the Justice Court Department for the period ending May 31, 2022 is required per Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act; and there is a vacant Sergeant position within the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, there is a fee for service that will not exceed \$3,200; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, will conduct the Village Justice Court Department Audit for period ending May 31, 2022, which will not exceed \$3,200.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was $\underline{3}$ ayes to $\underline{0}$ nays with $\underline{0}$ abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 11, 2022.

2. Grand Street and Murray Avenue Drainage Survey and Mapping

RESOLUTION 63 of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LANC & TULLY TO PERFORM A BOUNDARY SURVEY AND MAPPING OF GRAND STREET AND MURRAY AVENUE DRAINAGE

WHEREAS, Lanc & Tully, as the Village Planner, was asked to provide a proposal for boundary and topographic surveys for Grand Street and Murray Avenue drainage; and

WHEREAS, Lanc & Tully provided a proposal that includes a scope of services and fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Lanc & Tully is approved to perform the boundary survey and mapping of Grant Street and Murray Avenue drainage for a cot of \$8,100.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was $\underline{3}$ ayes to $\underline{0}$ nays with $\underline{0}$ abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 11, 2022.

Department Head Comments

Building Inspector Lewis reported that in June, 20 building permits were issued, and 11 certificates of occupancy were issued. In addition, the Salesian School demolition is on schedule and he's seen complaints decrease regarding the blasting on 17M for the Royal Wines project.

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following items:

- 1. Processing water/sewer and tax payments up to date
- 2. Update on website
 - a. Working with Microsoft and third party to help with licensing
 - b. Continue to receive photos from members of the St. James Camera Club
- 3. Worked with Edmunds to identify solution for Goshen Plaza billing
- 4. Recycling
 - a. Will be meeting with SB to discuss implementing decals on recycle bins
 - b. Will start providing content for social media posts
- 5. Managing tasks within the office to streamline processes
- Starting to work with staff to provide manuals for certain job responsibilities cross training
 - a. Water/sewer billing
 - b. Processing invoices
 - c. Payroll
- 7. Distributed information about First Amendment Auditors to Village employees

Chief Watt added information to Village Clerk Darby's report about the First Amendment auditors. The Chief said people usually target police and municipal buildings, and act as though they're trying to conduct official business. The auditor's ask questions and try to get a reaction out of employees while recording on their phones. Chief Watt added that placing "employees only" signage throughout the Village can help the situation.

On June 28, 2022, the Chief, Sergeants and Detective attended Extreme Risk Protection Order training. The Chief reported that Great American Weekend had a great turnout, and that there were not any major issues. He thanked the Fire Police and Town of Goshen Police Department for help with traffic control, and Tom Kennedy and Dana Distributors for providing water and energy drinks to the command post and aid station.

Chief Watt discussed the house fire on July 4th that destroyed a house, and although the investigation was still ongoing, he felt comfortable stating that the cause was from fireworks, and further advised the importance of using caution with fireworks. On July 5th, Sgt. Smoulcey conducted active shooter training at the library, and Chief Watt announced that if any business can call the police department to schedule training. Lastly, Patrolman Michael Glick graduated from the academy at the top of his class.

Mayor Wohl thanked Superintendent Birney for all of his efforts with Great American Weekend and shared that he was absent because of paving obligations within the Village.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto shared that he will go over well water, reservoirs and the treatment plant when Superintendent Birney is at the next meeting, and added that there are a lot of exciting things happening.

Trustee O'Donnell thanked and congratulated the police department on their awards, promotions, and length of service. In addition, Trustee O'Donnell shared that Great American Weekend was successful, and that the Summer Concert Series kicked off, and all invited all to attend future concerts, and added that there is a food truck and ice cream as well.

Trustee Rouis added that he heard Great American Weekend was a success and congratulated the Chief and his department on their awards.

Citizens' Comments

Ms. C. Bertone thanked the Village for having the Summer Concert Series as it's such a nice event for the Village.

Mr. Mikel Ledford, regarding parking on McNally Street, asked if a possible solution could be no parking on one side of the street. Mr. Ledford advised that he has met with Chief Watt to discuss this issue as well. Mayor Wohl advised that although the local laws have passed, there is still more to do and modifications can be made, and now is a great time before school starts. Mayor Wohl stated again that working with the school district will be critical for this, and Trustee Scotto concurred with the Mayor on working with the school district.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Gurda absent
O'Donnell aye
Rouis aye
Scotto aye